

Whereas, it is with tremendous admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a milestone event in the lives of Show-Me State married couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength of their marriage bonds through the longevity of their loving relationship; and

Whereas, on April 21, 1953, Claude Leroy “Butch” Gauldin took the lovely hand of his beloved bride, Ruth Louise Hanks, as the two pledged their troth to each other during marriage ceremonies conducted in West Plains, Missouri; and

Whereas, now living in Willow Springs, Butch and Louise Gauldin recently celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary through the venue of a family dinner hosted by their children, Gwen and Kenneth Parker, Nina Ray, Vicki and George Kanne, Leroy and Deb Gauldin, and Rhonda and Dean Gately; and

Whereas, universally applauded for their devotion to family, Butch and Louise Gauldin are the grandparents of nine wonderful children and the great-grandparents of six; and

Whereas, Butch and Louise Gauldin have witnessed many societal changes in their fifty years of marriage, including the rise and fall of the Soviet Union as our adversary during the Cold War, acceptance of the automobile as America’s preferred way to travel, and shifts from an agricultural economy to one based on industrial production and then on to one founded on service and information; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives recognize Butch and Louise Gauldin for the exceptional example they have set in the areas of love, fidelity, devotion, and perseverance:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the loving marriage of Claude and Louise Gauldin and to convey to them this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon their observing their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary during 2003; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Claude Leroy “Butch” and Ruth Louise Hanks Gauldin of Willow Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Chuck Purgason
District No. 151

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker